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May 3, 2005

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AWARD OF PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1 AND 5
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Award and authorize the Acting Director of Public Works or his designee to prepare the construction contracts in the form previously approved by County Counsel, execute the contracts, and establish the effective dates following receipt of approved Faithful Performance and Labor and Material bonds filed by the contractors for the following:

Project ID No. APT4088723 (Capital Project 88723) - General William J. Fox Airfield Apron Pavement Rehabilitation, Phase 2, City of Lancaster (5), to Granite Construction Company, in amount of \$1,162,842.00.

Project ID No. FCC0000935 - Gould Debris Basin Access Road Improvements, City of La Cañada-Flintridge (5), to Padilla Paving Company, in amount of \$97,719.35.

Project ID No. RDC0014101 - Santa Fe Avenue at Independence Avenue, vicinity of South Gate (1), to Sully-Miller Contracting Company, in amount of \$233,581.65.

Project ID No. WWD4004021 - Offsite Water Well Head Facilities for Well Nos. 4-69 and 4-72, City of Lancaster (5), to PPC Construction, Inc., in amount of \$692,519.25.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

We are recommending that your Board award these construction contracts and authorize the Acting Director of Public Works or his designee to execute the contracts and establish the effective contract dates following receipt of approved bonds and insurance filed by contractors for each of these projects.

The enclosure for each project includes the project description, the call for bids and bid opening dates, a tabulation of bids, and financial information. The certified record of receipt of bids and the original bid proposals for each project are also enclosed, including addenda to the contract specifications for Project ID Nos. APT4088723 and WWD4004021.

The recommended construction contracts are necessary to execute Board-directed and approved Public Works projects in support of operational missions. Your Board's approval of the recommended contract awards and our subsequent execution of the contracts will ensure the timely completion of the projects.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The award of these construction contracts is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence since these contracts will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The enclosure for each project includes the amount of the recommended contract as compared with the engineer's estimate and the other bids received.

These projects are included in the 2004-05 Department of Public Works Budget. The enclosure for each project includes more detailed fiscal and financial information.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Recommended contract awards are to the lowest responsible bidders in accordance with the California Public Contract Code and your Board's directives.

On October 27, 1981, your Board adopted a program for the use of small Minority and Women-owned Businesses (MWBs) on Federal- and State-funded highway construction contracts. Companies meeting these requirements are certified by the State as Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs). An overall goal for subcontracting portions of the work to DBEs is established for each project. Contracts are recommended for award to the lowest responsible bidder who meets the goal or documents a good faith effort to do so in conformance with the program.

We have also developed an outreach program to encourage all qualified contractors to participate in the bidding and contracting process on our projects. Under this program, we place notices of upcoming bids in local and minority newspapers throughout the County. These notices indicate that copies of plans and specifications are available at specified libraries and the Public Works Headquarters building. This allows interested contractors to view the plans and specifications at convenient locations. We also provide telephone numbers (including one for Spanish-speaking contractors) to obtain further information on bidding and subcontracting opportunities.

To further increase contractor awareness of contracting opportunities with Public Works, each of these projects was listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

The State Labor Code requires contractors to pay prevailing wage rates to all persons employed on public works construction contracts. These rates are determined by the Department of Industrial Relations and include contributions for fringe benefits such as vacations, pension funds, training, and health plans for each employee.

As required by your Board, language has been incorporated into the project specifications stating that the contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify its employees, that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the Federal income tax laws.

The contracts will be in the form previously approved by County Counsel. We will also review and approve the faithful performance and payment bonds filed by the contractors.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On July 30, 1996, your Board approved the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Master Plan Update for the General William J. Fox Airfield for Project ID No. APT4088723.

The remaining projects were found to be categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act at the time your Board called for bids. The specifics of these findings are included in the enclosure for each project.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The contracts were solicited on an open competitive basis in accordance with the provisions of the Public Contract Code.

The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to report solicitations of improper consideration by County employees and allowing the County to terminate the contract if it is found that the contractor offered or gave improper consideration to County employees.

Public Works has confirmed that all of the respective contractors are in compliance with the County's Child Support Compliance Program and the requirements of the Contractor Employee Jury Service Program. In addition, the contracts will include language requiring compliance with the Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law).

The project specifications also contain a provision that, should the contractor require additional or replacement personnel to fill employment openings, consideration shall be given to hiring qualified participants in the County's Greater Avenues for Independence or General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs.

To ensure that the contracts are awarded to responsible contractors with satisfactory performance histories, bidders are required to report False Claims Act violations, labor law/payroll violations, debarments, their civil litigation history, and information regarding prior criminal convictions. The information reported by all of the respective contractors was considered before making this recommendation to approve execution of the contracts.

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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These construction contracts will result in improved public works infrastructure in the communities where the work is scheduled. Where appropriate, local residents and businesses will be informed that traffic and local access may be mildly disrupted during the construction. The proposed schedules for construction are included in the enclosure for each project.

CONCLUSION

Please return one approved copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD L. WOLFE
Acting Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

AWARD OF CONTRACT
May 3, 2005

PROJECT ID NO. APT4088723 (CAPITAL PROJECT 88723), GENERAL WILLIAM J. FOX AIRFIELD APRON PAVEMENT REHABILITATION, PHASE 2 (City of Lancaster), Supervisorial District 5

TYPE OF WORK: Construction of soil-cement base course, asphalt concrete pavement, slurry seal, tie-down anchors, crack repair and sealing, and installation of pavement markings.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: March 1, 2005 (Synopsis 46)

BID OPENING DATE: April 5, 2005

BID SUMMARY:

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| Low | Granite Construction Company, a corporation P.O. Box 50085 Watsonville, California 95077 (831) 724-1011 | \$1,162,842.00 |
| 2 | Asphalt Construction Co., Inc. | \$1,760,400.00 |

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

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| Amount of estimate | \$1,536,000.00 |
| Amount of recommended contract | \$1,162,842.00 |
| Amount of recommended contract below estimate | \$ 373,158.00 |

The amount of the recommended contract is 24 percent below the estimate.

This project will be administered under the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airport Improvement grant program. Under this program, 90 percent of the project costs will be reimbursed by the FAA. The 2004-05 Aviation Capital Projects Fund will finance the remaining 10 percent matching share. The requested action will have no impact on the County's General Fund.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Granite Construction Company has two DBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract, yielding a proposed DBE participation of 9.6 percent. This contract has a Federal-mandated DBE goal of 9 percent.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On July 30, 1996, your Board approved the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Master Plan Update for the General William J. Fox Airfield. An element of the Master Plan includes this project.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 75 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in June and be completed in September 2005.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
May 3, 2005

PROJECT ID NO. FCC0000935, GOULD DEBRIS BASIN ACCESS ROAD
IMPROVEMENTS (City of La Cañada-Flintridge),
Supervisory District 5

TYPE OF WORK: Reconstruction of asphalt concrete pavement; construction of curb, gutter, driveways, and drainage structures; and other appurtenant work.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: March 8, 2005 (Synopsis 34)

BID OPENING DATE: April 5, 2005

BID SUMMARY:

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| Low | *Padilla Paving Company, a corporation 17235 Sierra Highway Santa Clarita, California 91351 (661) 298-2240 | \$ 97,719.35 |
| 2 | M. W. Loyd, Inc. | \$110,797.00 |
| 3 | +R.C.C. | \$115,000.00 |
| 4 | Excel Paving Company | \$116,993.00 |
| 5 | *+Olivas Valdez, Inc. | \$137,869.00 |
| 6 | Powell Engineering Construction | \$138,397.89 |

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+LSBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

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| Amount of estimate | \$108,822.00 |
| Amount of recommended contract | \$ 97,719.35 |
| Amount of recommended contract below estimate | \$ 11,102.65 |

The amount of the recommended contract is 10 percent below the estimate.

Sufficient funds for this project are available to the Flood Control District for the Fiscal Year 2004-05.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Padilla Paving Company, Inc., an MWBE, has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract. This contract does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (n), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed 30 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in July and be completed in August 2005.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
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PROJECT ID NO. RDC0014101, SANTA FE AVENUE AT INDEPENDENCE AVENUE
(in the vicinity of South Gate), Supervisorial District 1

TYPE OF WORK: Resurfacing and reconstruction of roadway pavement; reconstruction of curb and gutter and sidewalk; installation of an irrigation system, median landscaping, and striping and pavement markings; and other appurtenant work.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: December 14, 2004 (Synopsis 82)

BID OPENING DATE: January 11, 2005

BID SUMMARY:

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| Low | Sully-Miller Contracting Company, a corporation 1100 East Orangethorpe Avenue, Suite 200 Anaheim, California 92801 (714) 578-9600 | \$233,581.65 |
| 2 | Orion Contracting, Inc. | \$263,911.80 |
| 3 | Sequel Contractors, Inc. | \$266,424.60 |
| 4 | Griffith Company | \$278,931.00 |
| 5 | Excel Paving Company | \$291,516.80 |
| 6 | All American Asphalt | \$291,755.26 |
| 7 | Alliance Streetworks, Inc. | \$294,034.05 |

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

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| Amount of estimate | \$277,041.00 |
| Amount of recommended contract | \$233,581.65 |
| Amount of recommended contract below estimate | \$ 43,459.35 |

The amount of the recommended contract is 16 percent below the estimate.

This project is included in the Fiscal Year 2004-05 Road Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Sully-Miller Contracting Company has one MWBE subcontractor/supplier under this contract, yielding a proposed DBE participation of 14 percent. This contract does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsections (x)(2), (x)(10), (x)(14), and (x)(22), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 45 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in June and be completed in August 2005.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
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PROJECT ID NO. WWD4004021, OFFSITE WATER WELL HEAD FACILITIES FOR
WELL NOS. 4-69 AND 4-72 (City of Lancaster), Supervisorial District 5

TYPE OF WORK: Construction of two vertical turbine pumps, control systems, steel piping, and other appurtenant work.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: March 1, 2005 (Synopsis 28)

BID OPENING DATE: April 5, 2005

BID SUMMARY:

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| Low | PPC Construction, Inc., a corporation 336 North Central Avenue, Suite 10-A Glendale, California 91203 (818) 662-8040 | \$692,519.25 |
| 2 | Bakersfield Well & Pump Co. | \$741,500.05 |
| 3 | *Mehta Construction Company | \$904,950.00 |

*MWBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

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| Amount of estimate | \$616,994.20 |
| Amount of recommended contract | \$692,519.25 |
| Amount of recommended contract above estimate | \$ 75,525.05 |

The amount of the recommended contract is 12 percent above the estimate, which was based on recent average contract prices for similar items of work. Our review of the estimate reveals that it did not account for increased pricing of several contract items including the vertical turbine pumps. We do not believe that readvertising the project will result in lower bids. Therefore, we recommend award of the contract to the low bidder.

Sufficient funds to cover the cost of this project are included in the Fiscal Year 2004-05 Accumulative Capital Outlay Fund of Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

PPC Construction, Inc., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract. This contract does not have a Federal-or State-mandated DBE goal.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsections (e) and (l), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 60 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in June and be completed in September 2005.

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